The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (PMUVN), Bhopal, is the nodal agency for implementation of solar energy based village electrification programme in the State. The MPUVN has distributed solar lanterns and installed a solar powered TV set in one village in the State i.e. village Mathar of Block and Tehsil Budhni in District Sehore during the last three years.

The MPUVN has, however, identified 1,225 villages in the remote and far flung areas in the State for electrification through renewable energy technologies/options, it is estimated that 80% of these villages could be electrified through SPV systems and power plants. The Ministry is, however, yet to receive Specific Project Proposals from MPUVN for sanction.

Earlier a proposal was developed by the Ministry for electrification of 9 tribal villages in the Jabalpur Parliamentary Constituency at a total estimated cost of about Rs. 91 lakhs, but the project could not be sanctioned as the balance funds required for implementation of the project, after taking into account the admissible support from the Ministry, could not be provided by the State Government or under the MPLAD Scheme.

No funds have been released to the MPUVN so far during the current year for electrification of remote villages through solar energy.

Transfer policy

†1603.SHRI MUNAVVAR HASSAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such officers in the Ministry who are working on the same post for the last 5, 10, 15 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the officers holding the post of advisor and Director are continuously holding the same posts in the same section for the last 10-15 years;

(c) if so, the names and the posts of said officials;

(d) whether the Ministry has not formulated any transfer policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when, such top officers would be transferred to other places?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) 31 Scientific Officers and 3 Central Secretariat Service Officers are working on the same post for more than 5 years; one Scientific Officer is working on the same post for a period of more than 10 years. No officer in this Ministry is working on the same post for the last 15 years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is a Scientific Ministry and transfers are decided keeping in view the background and specialization of the various scientists and engineers in the Ministry. Transfer of officials is reviewed by the Ministry from time to time depending upon specific work requirements and introduction of new programmes/ schemes.

Exhibition to create awareness of utility of non-conventional energy sources

1604. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications from some voluntary organizations to organize exhibitions outside Delhi to show the utility of non-conventional sources of energy;

(b) if so the details thereof and steps being taken to encourage such efforts on the part of NGOs;

(c) whether Government propose to take direct interest in ensuring that such awareness campaigns are organized;

(d) if not, whether it is also a fact that not a single exhibtion has been organized outside Delhi; and

(e) the steps proposed to evolve a better policy for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy (MNES) has received applications from NGOs namely India-Tech Foundation Mumbai, Global